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CONSUMPTION OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether stagnation in fertilizer industry and lower pesticide use by farmers has resulted a huge crop loss in 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been a huge gap in consumption of fertilizers and use of pesticides in India as compared to other countries like China, Japan, Brazil etc;

(d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check the failure of crops in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. There has been no problem with the availability of fertilizers and pesticides during 2007.

(c) & (d): The consumption of fertilizers has been 104.5 Kg./ha. in the country during 2005-06 compared to other countries like China, Japan, Brazil, which consumed fertilizers @ 275.1, 292.7 and 171.9 Kg./ha. respectively. Similarly, consumption of pesticides including herbicides in India is about 570 gms/ha compare to 11 Kg./ha. in Japan, 17 Kg./ha. in Taiwan and 2.25 Kg./ha. in USA. The consumption of fertilizers and pesticides depends upon factors such as irrigation facilities, purchasing capacity of farmers, availability of credit and extension network.

(e): To check failure of crops due to pests/diseases, Government is implementing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) besides advising the farmers for judicious use of pesticides.